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Alfalfa Seed Acres Down 8 Percent

Producers in Idaho harvested 11,000 acres of alfalfa seed in 2009, down 8 percent from the 2008 crop, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield, on a clean basis, was 740 pounds per harvested acre in 2009, up 4 percent from the previous year. Production for 2009 totaled 8.14 million pounds, 4 percent below the 2008 crop. The average price received by growers for the 2009 crop increased \$7 per hundredweight from the previous year to \$207 per hundredweight, resulting in a farm level value of production of \$16.9 million.

Harvested acreage of red clover seed in Idaho totaled 1,000 acres during 2009, up 300 acres from 2008. Average clean yield was 550 pounds per acre, unchanged from the previous year. Production for 2009 totaled 550,000 pounds, up 43 percent from 2008. The average price received by growers for the 2009 crop was \$191 per hundredweight, up \$4 per hundredweight from 2008. This resulted in a farm level value of production of \$1.05 million. This survey was completed in cooperation with the Idaho Alfalfa and Clover Seed Commission.

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